






St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 12 Jan 2025 • Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

 620 Upper Bukit Timah Road
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 Gate Opening Hours:
8.00am to 9.00pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES (Chapel of St Joseph)

Mon – Fri : 6.30am, 6.30pm
Sat : 6.30am

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat : 5.30pm (Sunset)
Sun : 7.30am (Mandarin),
9.30am, 11.30am and 5.30pm

CONFESSIONS

15 mins before all weekend Masses in
the Reconciliation Rooms in Church.

OTHER SERVICES

ADORATION ROOM

Mon – Fri : 8.00am to 9.00pm
Sat : 9.30am to 7.00pm
Sun : 8.00am to 7.00pm
Public Holidays : 8.00am to 4.00pm

COLUMBARIUM / ROSARY GARDEN / STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mon – Sun : 8.00am to 8.00pm

MEDIA CENTRE (BOOKSHOP)

Sat : 4.30pm to 7.00pm
Sun : 8.30am to 1.00pm
Every 2nd Sunday : 8.30am to 1.00pm,
5.30pm to 7.00pm

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour : First Friday @ 8.00pm
in Main Church (unless otherwise stated)

Mass in Honour of St Joseph :

First Wednesday @ 8.00pm
in Main Church

Divine Mercy :

Every Friday @ 8.00pm (except First Fri)
in the Chapel of St Joseph

Garden Rosary :

First Saturday after the 5.30pm Mass

Grotto Rosary : Every 13th of the month
after 6.30pm Mass (weekdays only)

Holy Hour for Vocations :

Every Third Thursday of the month in
the Chapel of St Joseph @ 8.00pm

Blessing of Expectant Mothers:

Every Fourth Sunday of the month

From the Desk of the Parish Priest

The Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God.

The events surrounding Christ's baptism hold profound symbolism for our own baptismal experience. Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Christ, the Trinity takes up residence in our soul at our baptism. Christ was affirmed as the 'Beloved Son' of the Father; similarly,

we become adopted children of God through baptism. The heavens opened at Christ's baptism, and in our own baptism, the gates of heaven are opened to us. As Jesus prayed at His baptism, we too must commit to a life of prayer after our baptism, seeking to avoid sin and remain faithful to our newfound identity as children of God.

This Feast day closes the Christmas Season and opens Ordinary Time, the season of life.



Chinese New Year Mass Timing

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	CNY Eve	CNY	Public Holiday
Date	Tue 28 Jan 2025	Wed 29 Jan 2025	Thu 30 Jan 2025
Time	4.30 pm	8.00 am (M) 9.30 am 11.00 am Distribution of Oranges at all Masses	8.00 am
NB : There will still be the 6.30 am Mass in the Chapel of St Joseph.			
Venue	Main Church		

Blessing of Candles on Sun 02 Feb

Parishioners can bring their candles to the Parish Office prior to 2 Feb. Please label the candles with your name and contact number. The candles will be blessed at the 11.30 am and 5.30 pm Masses on Sun 02 Feb.

AROUND THE PARISH


Couplets for Chinese New Year (Sun 12 Jan)

To usher in the Chinese New Year, Miss Anne Choy Ping, a graduate student in international calligraphy, will be demonstrating her art by preparing couplets and bookmarks for parishioners. Do come by the St Joachim Road to pick up one of her couplets and share in the festive spirit!

Date : Sun 12 Jan
Time : After 7.30 am Mass
Venue : St Joachim's Room



Tuesday Morning Manna (Tue 14 Jan @ 11.05 am)



TUESDAY MORNING MANNA
presents

**MYSTERIES of the ROSARY:
The Joyful Mysteries**

**Journey through Christmas with this video series
filmed in the Holy Land!**

- January 7, 14, 21
- Tues 11.05am, St Joseph AVA Rm

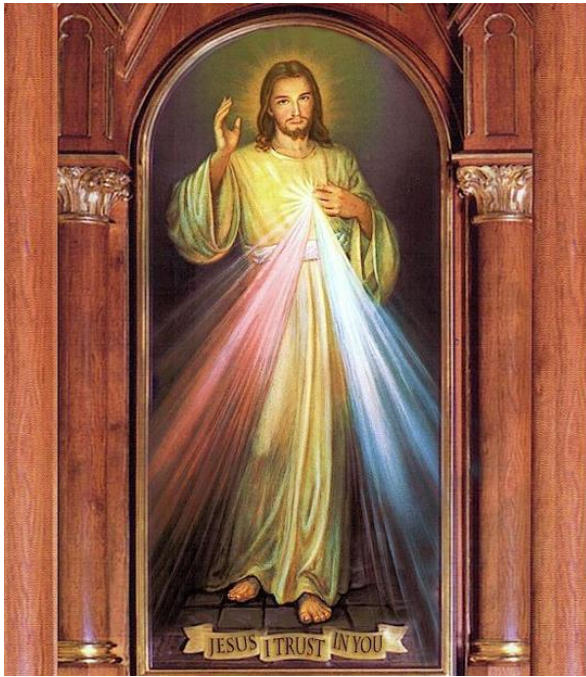
Holy Hour for Vocations (Thu 16 Jan 2025 @ 8 pm)

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Thu 16 Jan 2025
Time : 8 pm
Venue : Chapel of St Joseph

The seminarians from St Francis Xavier Major Seminary will be leading the Holy Hour every third Thursday of the month to pray for Vocations.
Please come and join them to pray for vocations to the priesthood!



Divine Mercy Anniversary (Fri 17 Jan 2025)



***DIVINE MERCY
PRAYER GROUP***

***23rd Anniversary
Eucharistic Celebration
and Thanksgiving
7:30pm
17 January 2025***

The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed at 7.00 pm.
Please note that there will be no 6.30 pm Mass in the Chapel of St Joseph.

Art & Faith Talk on the Nativity (Sat 18 Jan @ 3 pm)



**An
Art&Faith
Talk**

Art of The Nativity

Sat 18th Jan 3.00-5.00pm St Joseph AVA Room (L2)	Artists have depicted the Nativity, Adoration of the Shepherds and of the Magi in stunning beauty. Seeing with the eyes of faith, we can find spiritual value beyond the paintings' aesthetics. See and fall in love with the art that reminds us of the great love of God who became one of us.
Speaker: Patricia Tan	

Join Patricia Tan in her Art & Faith series as she shares her insights on the paintings depicting the Nativity.

Commencement for Primary Catechesis (Sat 18 Jan @ 3.00 pm)

Commencement for Primary Catechesis 2025

Commencement date	Saturday 18 th Jan 2025
Time	3.00pm
First Day Assembly	Parish Community Hall
Parents Briefing (Compulsory)	Sat 18 th Jan 2025 3.00 pm to 5.15 pm Parish Community Hall

Parents and children are to meet in the Parish Community Hall. The Catechists will guide the children to their classrooms whilst the parents remain behind for a briefing and talk.

Thriving Families Thriving Children (Sat 18 Jan@ 3.45 pm)

Thriving Families
Thriving children

18 Jan 2025 (Sat), 3.45 – 5.15 p.m.
Venue: Parish Community Hall



For all parents with children attending Pri Catechesis

This workshop is designed to make parenting feel less overwhelming and more fulfilling, focusing on what truly matters. With rich and relatable anecdotes, you will learn effective ways to overcome the everyday struggles of raising resilient, confident kids.

- ✓ Dealing with emotional outbursts
- ✓ Balancing connection and independence
- ✓ Building confidence amid peer pressure
- ✓ Creating nurturing home environment

Speaker: Delphine Ang



Delphine is a certified Youth Mentor Coach and Brain Health Coach (Amen Clinic, USA). Formerly the host of "A Mama's Journey" on Catholic SG Radio, she is an author of children's books and the Creator of My Feelings R My Friends cards. Delphine is passionate about promoting emotional confidence. She is a proud mother of four.

AROUND THE PARISH

Prayer thru Music (Fri 24 Jan @ 8 pm)



Prayer thru Music®
(brought to you by SAHOP)



JUBILEE 2025
Pilgrims of Hope in Community



- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Spiritual Talk
- ❖ Community Bonding

Mr Zerah Goh
Executive Director (Montfort Centre)



“What is the best way to Pray”

24 January 2025 (Friday) 8PM
@ Level 3, St Mary, AVA Room
Parish Community Hall

e-mail:sahop.sjcbt@gmail.com



Pongal Celebration (Sat 25 Jan from 7 pm)

All are Invited for

Pongal Celebration

May this harvest festival bring peace, happiness and prosperity in your life.

Saturday 25th January 2025
@ 7pm
Parish Community Hall

Join us to dance, sing, play games, enjoy yummy food and to have fun.

St Joseph's Church Bukit Timah

Scan QR code to Register

Venue : St.Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)
620 Upper Bukit Timah Road
Singapore - 678116

Scripture Series : Part VIII – Book of Judith By Fr Ambrose Vaz



*Ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 133)*

Time : 9 am to 10.45 am
Venue : St Joseph AVA Room
St Joseph's Church (BT)
Dates : 06 / 13 / 20 / 27 Feb
06 / 13 / 20 Mar
(7 sessions)

No registration required. All are welcome.
Do bring along your bibles.



Children's Mass (Sat 8 Feb @ 5.30 pm)

CHILDREN'S MASS

**SAT 8 FEB
5:30PM
MAIN CHURCH**

*THERE WILL BE ROSARY AT
4:50PM LED BY THE CHILDREN
FROM THE LEGION OF MARY
JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM.



Mass for the Sick (Sun 09 Feb @ 5.30 pm)

Mass for the Sick
Sun 09 Feb @ 5.30 pm Mass



The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those who are ***suffering from grave illnesses or greatly weakened by old age.***

If you or a family member would like to receive this Sacrament, please email sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg or call the Parish Office at 6769 1666 to register.

Closing date : 4 Feb 2025

SSVP Statement of Accounts




Society of St Vincent de Paul
Conference of St Joachim
Statement of Income and Expenses for Dec 2024

Donations	\$ 12,990.30
Expenditure	\$ 25,572.70
Deficit	\$ 12,582.40

Thank you for your support for our Friends-in-Need!



The Fruits of Meditation (Wed 15 Jan 2025)



World Community for
Christian Meditation
SINGAPORE

A NEW YEAR COMMUNITY EVENT

Peace & Joy

THE FRUITS OF MEDITATION


Peter Ng | Fr Eugene Vaz

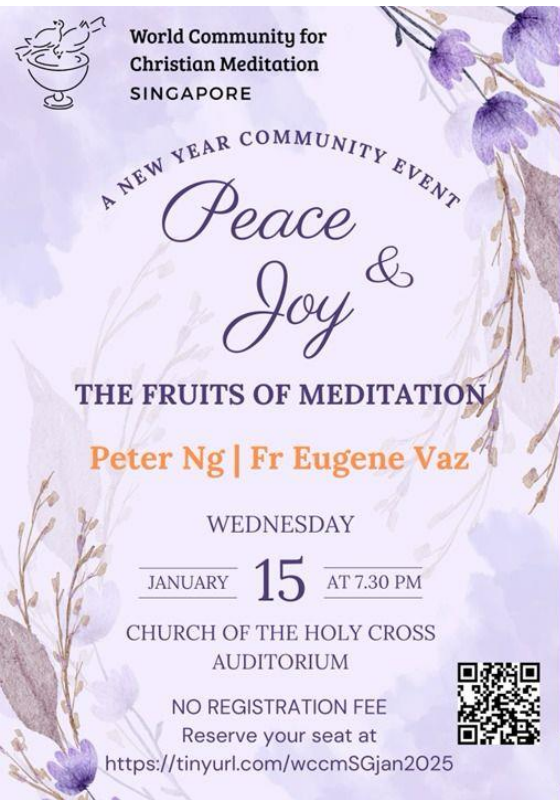
WEDNESDAY

JANUARY **15** AT 7.30 PM

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
AUDITORIUM

NO REGISTRATION FEE
Reserve your seat at
<https://tinyurl.com/wccmSGjan2025>





A New Year Community Event

organised by **WCCM Singapore**

Date: 15 January, 2025 (Wednesday)
Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Venue: Church of the Holy Cross Auditorium

NO
REGISTRATION
FEE

Scan QR code to
reserve your seat



Enquiries: wccmsingaporenews@gmail.com

Encounter (Sat 18 Jan 2025)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”


Overseas Humanitarian Foundation Course


ENCOUNTER


Living As Missionary Disciples


Are you called to be a Catholic Missionary Disciple?


Are you called to support our overseas brothers and sisters in need or interested in mission trips abroad? Join us and discover “what”, “why”, and “where” your calling may be, to be open and have a courageous heart in becoming a missionary disciple.




 **Saturday, 18 Jan 2025**

 **9AM – 4PM**

 **Church of Divine Mercy**

 **Love Offering of S\$10
(Lunch is Provided)**

Find out more:



[bit.ly/
CHARISOHFC-5](https://bit.ly/CHARISOHFC-5)



The Overseas Humanitarian Foundation Course is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their lives’ faith journeys and answer the call to be living missionary disciples. The course features speakers like Fr. David Garcia, O.P., Khoo Peng Beng, and Christopher Chan. It will be held on 18th January 2025, from 9am to 4pm at Church of Divine Mercy.

Pieta Prayer Support for Bereaved Parents

Tues 21st January 2024 from 7.30pm to 9.15pm on Zoom



We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to meet over Zoom on Tues 21st Jan to pray and support each other. (Please note the date change because of Chinese New Year’s Eve on the 4th Tuesday of the month.)


Enquiries: pieta.singapore@gmail.com
or <https://pieta.familylife.sg/>
Please email us directly for the Zoom link.

Note: In February, we will be meeting in person at Catholic Family Life at Highland Road. Please email us for details.

This year, Christians around the world celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.
For the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) 2025 which will take place from 18 to 25 January globally.

Organised by the Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Ecumenical Dialogue (ACCED) and St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street), there will be just one prayer service to bring together Christians from all over Singapore to unite with one mind
and one heart in prayer and reflection on the theme: Do you believe? (John 11:26).

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025



Do You Believe?
(John 11:26)

An Invitation to All Christians
Come and join us in Prayer and Reflection

Date: 21 January 2025, Tuesday
Time: 8 p.m.
Venue: St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street)
143 Victoria Street Singapore 188020



Helping You Find Peace, Power, and Passion

Surviving Divorce #18

was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, *Surviving Divorce* features experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C., Fr. Steve Porter, S.T.L., Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Christopher West. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. As they witness to their pain and the healing power of Christ in their lives, participants will laugh, cry, and identify with their journeys from heartache to healing.

For Men
and Women
Seeking
Healing from
Divorce

Surviving Divorce will help you:

- Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.
- Find personal healing and hope.
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.
- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

Dates: 21 Jan to 29 Apr 2025 (Tuesdays)

Time: 8 to 10 pm

Venue: Combination of zoom and face-to-face sessions at **Church of the Holy Spirit**,
248 Upper Thomson Road, Singapore 574371

Registration

Cost: S\$60

<https://forms.gle/49fEdtFdGN2SpJbr7>



For More Information

<https://www.catholicdivorce.sg/events>

Email for queries: catholicdivorce.sg@gmail.com

Join us on this powerful journey to hope and healing!

My Personal Moral Compass (Commencing mon 3 Feb)





My Personal COMPASS

with **Fr David Garcia, OP**

Navigate moral issues in 10 sessions.

COURSE DETAILS

3 FEBRUARY - 14 APRIL 2025

MONDAY

TIME 8:00 TO 9:30 PM

FEE \$100

VENUE | CANA AT CATHOLIC CENTRE 55 WATERLOO ST, LEVEL 3

SCAN ME NOW



NO CLASS ON 31 MARCH

Get introduced to the basics of morality, which are applicable to all and not just Christians. Come and build an ethical foundation so you can journey towards fulfilling your potential as a person made in the image of God.

Lead Like Jesus (Commencing 15 Feb)

LEAD LIKE JESUS (LLJ)

Date: 15 & 22 Feb 2025 OR
15 & 29 Mar 2025

Time: 9am - 5:30pm

Venue: Agape Village,
7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh, MPR1 (#03-09)

Cost: \$200/- (lunch & tea breaks
for 2 days & workbook included)



CATHOLIC
LEADERSHIP
CENTRE





Register at: www.catholicleader.sg

Effective leadership - whether on the job, in the community, at church or in the home - starts on the inside. Knowing who we are, and to whom we belong to. One deals with one's relationship to Christ. The other with one's life purpose.

A foundational module based on the servant leadership modelled by Jesus Christ, exploring the 4 domains of leading like Jesus: the heart, head, hands and habits.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

FRIENDSGIVING: Praying Our Friendships (21 – 23 Feb)



Friendship is a sacrament of God’s love and a gift. In this uniquely crafted retreat, you are to bring a friend (could be a family member, a colleague, etc) and celebrate this gift together. You will also discover how Jesus continues to draw you into a deeper friendship with Him.

Register early using QR code

Building Trust (Commencing 8 Mar)

BUILDING TRUST (TRU)

Date: 8 Mar 2025 OR
12 Apr 2025

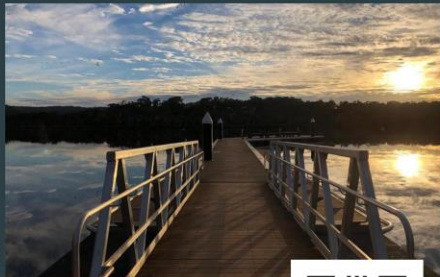
Time: 9.30am - 3:30pm

Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lor 8
Toa Payoh, MPR1 (#03-09)

Cost: \$100/- (lunch included)



CATHOLIC
LEADERSHIP
CENTRE



Register at: www.catholicleader.sg

Through conversations and interactive group activities, participants will develop a shared understanding of trust and take personal responsibility for how they can develop deeper levels of trust at an inter-personal and group level.

Quieting The Soul (7 – 9 Mar)

Take some time out with the Lord as He invites you to "come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." [Mark 6:31]

This is a 3-day silent retreat suitable for beginners and busy people.

Register early using QR code.





Career Counselling for PME

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Mt 7:7

- ✓ CAREER EXPLORATION
- ✓ WORKPLACE WELL-BEING
- ✓ CAREER TRANSITION
- ✓ JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES

Sessions conducted via Zoom



Scan the QR Code to Register

There will be a nominal charge of \$10 to cover administrative costs. All PMEs are welcome